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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

In re patent application of:)	MMB Docket No: 1671-0278
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Lester et al.)	J&J Reference: DEP5160USNP
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Serial No: 10/748,706)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Filed: December 30, 2003)	Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow
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Title: Soft Tissue Attachment System and)	
Method)	

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2005, and the Office
Communication dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 7 of this paper;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.